Improvement in air traffic services

6858. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the places where improvement in air traffic services is presently in progress;

(b) by when these services will be completed;

(c) in what manner these airports, will be different from those without such air services;

(d) what is its cost benefit analysis; and

(e) what is being done to improve the air traffic services in general?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Modernisation of air traffic services project is presently in progress at Delhi and Bombay airports. Besides, communication, navigation and surveillance facilities are being upgraded at 42 other airports in the country.

(b) The schedule of completion of these services at Delhi is 31-10-95 and at Bombay 30-4-96. At other airports, the completion period ranges from May, 1995 to June, 1996.

(c) The installation of these equipments facilitate effective surveillance and control of the aircraft movement. This helps in safe and orderly flow of air traffic.

(d) Effective radar control facilities helps in reducing the flying time considerably and will benefit by way of reduced fuel consumption.

(e) Airports Authority of India has plans to enhance the radar and Very High Frequency communication coverage in the entire Indian air space for positive surveillance of air traffic.

Flying clubs in the country

6859. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of flying clubs in the country;

(b) how many of these are actually functioning;

(c) how many are private flying clubs and what are their names and locations;

(d) how many of them are State or Central Government's flying clubs;

(e) how many flying clubs have purchased SWATI Aircraft designed by DGCA; and

(f) what steps are being taken to encourage flying club activities?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) There are 36 flying/gliding clubs|institutes in the country out of which 28 are functioning.

(c) There are four private flying clubs viz. Udan Research & Flying Institute at Indore, Bangalore Aeronautics and Technical Services at Bangalore, Ahmedabad Aviation Akademi at Ahmedabad and Orient Flight School at Pondicherry.

(d) There are 11 State Government flying clubs while Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Urban Akademi is functioning under the Department of Civil Aviation.

(e) The Director General of Civil Aviation has purchased four Swati aircraft and allocated them to Amritsar Aviation Club at Amritsar, Bihar Flying Institute at Patna, Bombay Flying Club at Bombay and Kerala Aviation Training Centre at Trivandrum.

(f) Following steps have been taken to encourage flying club activities:

(i) Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has been providing indigenously developed SWATI aircraft to flying clubs/institutes.

(ii) Aero Club of India has provided 28 Cessna trainer aircraft to flying clubs/institutes.

(iii) 8 simultors have been purchased and allotted to flying clubs/institutes by DGCA.

(iv) The activities of Flying/Gliding Clubs/Institutes are monitored regularly by the DGCA to attract more trainees.

SWATI aircrafts

6860. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many SWATI aircrafts were produced by BHEL uptill now;

(b) what is the present cost and selling price of SWATI aircraft;

(c) how does it compare with CESSNA and SILVAIR aircrafts;

(d) who have been the major purchasers of this aircraft;

(e) what is being done to encourage sales of this aircraft; and

(f) the foreign countries to which this aircraft has been exported?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Hardwar has manufactured 4 Swati trainer aircraft so far as per the contract the first 82 aircrafts are to be sold at a price of Rs. 27 lakhs per aircraft to the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

(c) Swati aircraft is comparable with Cessna model 152 and is superior to Silvair model 8-F type of aircraft.

(d) to (f) The DGCA has been the only purchaser of Swati aircraft so far. The BHEL is exploring the possibilities of selling Swati aircraft to potential users. No aircraft has been exported so far.

Proposal to private ground handing of aircrafts

6861. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines propose to privatise ground handling of aircraft and equipment;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any agency has been identified for the task;

(d) whether Government's own machinery has failed to maintain ground work; and

(e) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) The ground-handling of Indian Airlines' aircraft and equipment is adequately served by the Ground Support Department of Indian Airlines.

Upgradation of airports

6862. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to upgrade some airports in order to introduce regular plane services;

(b) whether the airport set up at Silsman near Keonijhergarh is proposed to be upgraded for the purpose; and